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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

R-19J

The Honorable Victoria A. Doud  
President  
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians  
P.O. Box 67  
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

Re: Approval of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians'  
Application to Administer the Water Quality Standards and Certification Programs under  
Sections 303 and 401 of the Clean Water Act

Dear President Doud:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review under the Clean Water Act (CWA) § 518 of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians' application to administer the water quality standards and certifications programs under CWA § 303(c) and § 401, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1313 and 1341. Based on that review, EPA is today approving the Lac du Flambeau Band's application. Approval of the application means that the Tribe is eligible to administer the water quality standards program under CWA Section 303(c) for waters within the reservation and, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 131.4(c), is likewise eligible for purposes of issuing certifications under CWA Section 401. Documentation of our review may be found in the enclosure titled *Decision Document: Approval of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians' Application for Treatment in the Same Manner as a State for Sections 303(c) and 401 of the Clean Water Act*.

Director Larry Wawronowicz and the Lac du Flambeau Band Natural Resources staff, especially Gretchen Watkins, are to be commended on their very fine efforts, which have resulted in the approval of your application.

The Lac du Flambeau Band's water quality standards will be reviewed under separate cover pending review and concurrence by this office and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Daniel Cozza at 312-886-7252. We look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,



Mary A. Gade  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Larry Wawronoicz and Gretchen Watkins, Lac du Flambeau  
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Resources  
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